FISCAL NOTE

HB 2390 - SB 2612

January 31, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes certain changes relative to the Land Surveyors Licensing Board:

- Increases the late renewal penalty from \$3 to \$20
- Adds additional reasons the board may use to take disciplinary action
- Requires the board to notify the Register of Deeds in counties that would be affected by the revocation, suspension or reissuance of a certificate
- Increases the fee to replace a lost or destroyed certificate from \$5 to \$50
- Increases the penalty for violation of any section of TCA Title 62, Chapter 18 from a Class C Misdemeanor to a Class A Misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant State Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes a not significant increase in the amount of fees levied and collected for late renewal and lost or destroyed certificates.

Estimate assumes a not significant increase in the number of disciplinary hearings due to additional reasons that may be used for disciplinary action.

Currently notices of revocation, suspension, and reissuance are sent to every municipality and the Secretary of State. The provisions of this bill require that they be sent only to affected municipalities. This is estimated to be an insignificant decrease in state expenditures.

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill. This is due to the increase in the penalty for violations of the Land Surveyors licensing law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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